

**WASHINGTON STATE
DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

October 4, 2002

(Subject to Committee Approval)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Conrad, RDH, and Acting Chairperson
Maxine Janis, RDH
Faye Kirkendall, RDH

STAFF PRESENT: Vicki L. Brown, Program Manager
Carol L. Lewis, Administrator
Rebecca Peterson, Program Representative

OTHERS PRESENT: Colleen Gaylord, RDH, Washington State Dental Hygiene
Association
Melissa Johnson, Lobbyist, Washington State Dental Hygiene
Association
C. Melissa Guerra, RDH, Washington State Dental Hygiene
Association

The Dental Hygiene Examining Committee met at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, October 4, 2002, in the Cascade Room at the West Coast Sea-Tac Hotel, 18220 Pacific Highway South, Seattle, Washington.

ITEMS ON AGENDA

OPEN SESSION – 9:00 A.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:19 a.m. by Kathy Conrad, RDH, Acting Chairperson.

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as amended to include the issue of placing chemotherapeutic agents by Dental Hygienist under Item 10. Other Open Session Business.

B. Approval of May 3, 2002 Meeting Minutes

The May 3, 2002 meeting minutes were approved as amended to reflect the possible meeting between the Board of Pharmacy, Dental Quality Assurance Commission and the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee.

2. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT – Carol Lewis, Administrator and Vicki Brown, Program Manager

A. Personnel

Ms. Brown introduced the new committee member, Maxine Janis, RDH and Becky Peterson, Program Representative, to the members of the Committee.

B. Budget

Ms. Lewis and Ms. Brown reviewed the July Interim Operating Report with the Committee members. The Committee was informed that the Dental Hygiene program is in good shape and that the Department is looking at a fee reduction for the program as well as several other health professions. Ms. Lewis explained the fee reduction process to the Committee, the Office of Financial Management (OFM) requirements and the reason the fees are being reduced.

C. 2003 Legislation – Legislative Liaison

Ms. Lewis informed the Committee that there would be approximately three DOH sponsored bills introduced this coming legislative session. The first one is housekeeping changes, the next will be to reduce barriers to licensure and the last is regarding the Small Business Economic Impact Statement (SBEIS) to exempt health professions from this requirement. There will not be any legislation introduced regarding reducing barriers for Dental Hygiene or for dental assisting.

Kathy Conrad, RDH was elected as legislative liaison for the 2003 Legislative Session.

D. Other New Business

There was no other new business reported.

3. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:

The following reports were presented to the Committee:

A. Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) Executive Meeting – Kathy Conrad, RDH

See attached report.

B. July 17, 2002 Minutes from the WREB Dental Hygiene Exam Review Committee

See attached report.

C. Department of Health – Boards, Commissions and Committees Conference – Vicki Brown, Program Manager

Ms. Brown presented the Committee with a brief overview of the Boards, Commissions and Committees conference. The alignment process tool was discussed with the Committee and it was noted that this is considered to be a living document that will be changed on an ongoing basis.

4. UPDATE REGARDING THE CENTRAL REGIONAL DENTAL TESTING SERVICES (CRDTS) EXAMINATIONS

Ms. Lewis briefed the Committee on the status of the contract with CRDTS. CRDTS will fund seven (7) members from each state to attend the annual meeting. The members will be four dentists from the Dental Quality Assurance Commission and three members of the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee. It was mentioned that the CRDTS Steering Committee is the same of the WREB Executive Board and then there is also the Exam Review Committee. The Committee will look into the level of participation that they wish to have with CRDTS.

5. RCW 18.32.225 and RCW 18.29.220 (2001 SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6020, ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE) – Carol Lewis, Administrator

Ms. Lewis updated the Committee on the status of the implementation of this new law. She stated that there has not been much of a change from the last version of the rules from what was proposed at the rules hearing.

6. FILING OF CR-101 “NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO 246-815 WAC FOR DENTAL HYGIENE”

A. 246-815-020 Dental Hygiene Examination Eligibility

There were no comments presented on the proposed changes. See attached draft of rule.

B. 246-815-050 Examination

There were no comments presented on the proposed changes. See attached draft of rule.

C. 246-815-100 Licensure by Interstate Endorsement of Credentials

There were not comments presented on the proposed changes. See attached draft of rule.

D. 246-815-110 Application Procedures for Approval of Dental Hygiene Expanded Functions Education Programs

There were no comments presented on the proposed changes. See attached draft of rule.

E. 246-815-115 Exception Procedures for Approval of Dental Hygiene Expanded Functions Education Programs

There were no comments presented on the proposed changes. See attached draft of rule.

7. SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS FOR AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION (ADA) ACCREDITATION SITE VISITS

A. Columbia Basin College in Pasco on April 8 – 9, 2003

Maxine Janis, RDH was elected to attend the ADA accreditation site visit of Columbia Basin College in Pasco on April 8 – 9, 2003.

B. Clark College in Vancouver on May 20 – 21, 2003

Faye Kirkendall, RDH was elected to attend the ADA accreditation site visit of Clark College in Vancouver on May 20 – 21, 2003.

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C. Pierce College in Lakewood on November 18 – 19, 2003

Kathy Conrad, RDH was elected to attend the ADA accreditation site visit of Pierce College in Lakewood on November 18 – 19, 2003.

8. ESTABLISH MEETING DATES FOR 2003

The Committee established the following meeting dates for year 2003:

January 24 - West Coast SeaTac Hotel at SeaTac
May 2 – DOH building in Olympia
August 1 – Center Point Conference Center in Kent
October 10 - West Coast SeaTac Hotel at SeaTac

9. CONSENT AGENDA - CORRESPONDENCE

The following items and any additional correspondence received or sent is for the Committee's information. If separate discussion is desired on an item, a single motion by a committee member will place the specific item(s) on the regular business agenda. Otherwise, there will be no discussion of these items.

There was no further discussion on the following items:

- A. Letter dated August 12, 2002 from WREB highlighting the WREB Board of Directors, Dental and Dental Hygiene Exam Review Committee meeting
- B. July 18, 2002 meeting minutes of the WREB Board of Directors
- C. July 17, 2002 WREB Dental Exam Review Committee meeting minutes
- D. Spring 2002 Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. newsletter
- E. Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc, 2002 Annual Report on Dental Hygiene Examination Results
- F. September 16, 2002 Department of Health Newsletter, "The Sentinel"

10. OTHER OPEN SESSION BUSINESS – (For Discussion Only)

The issue of Dental Hygienist's placing chemotherapeutic agents was discussed at length. The Committee requested staff to arrange for a joint meeting of the Dental Quality

Assurance Commission, Dental Hygiene Examining Committee and the Board of Pharmacy.

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CLOSED SESSION (Upon completion of Open Session Business)

- 11. JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION DEVELOPMENT REVIEW**
- 12. WESTERN REGIONAL EXAMINATION DEVELOPMENT REVIEW**
- 13. REVIEW OF SUBSTANTIVELY EQUIVALENT CREDENTIALING FOR OTHER STATES**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m. on Friday, October 4, 2002.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

Vicki L. Brown, Program Manager

Kathy Conrad, RDH, Acting Chairperson